

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 338
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Jonathan Hemingway and the Friendship Christian School Lady Commanders on their excellent season and earning a berth in the Class A TSSAA State Tournament.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Friendship Christian School girls basketball team have devoted a significant amount of time and effort to practicing and perfecting their skills; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship Christian Lady Commanders achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2002-2003 season, amassing a 27-9 record overall and earning a trip to the Class A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, they made their presence felt throughout Class A during the 2002-2003 season, as they defeated many quality opponents on the hardwood; these remarkable young women averaged 60 points per game and scored a school-record 97 points in one game; and

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WHEREAS, this outstanding and hardworking team was composed of Courtney Cross, Sara Schoenbachler, Emily Casey, Candace Cross, Amber Ash, Caitlin Zimmerman, Mallory Cook, Cody Harris, Christa Vaughan, Lauren Macpherson, Lauren Hay and Manager Alex Araujo; Head Coach Jonathan Hemingway and Assistant Coaches Nancy Reed and Deanna Teeter provided expert guidance and leadership to these young women as they dominated Class A girls basketball competition in 2002-2003; Principal Becky Kegley and Athletic Director Carmon Brown contributed to this exceptional season by lending their full support to the girls basketball program at Friendship Christian School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their impressive record of victories, many of the Lady Commanders earned significant individual honors throughout the course of the 2002-2003 season: Lauren Macpherson, Christa Vaughan, and Caitlin Zimmerman were all named to the All District Team, and the All District and All Region Tournament Teams; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship Christian Lady Commanders epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a high level of success on the court while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; they inspired the Friendship Christian School student body and united their entire community while completing their impressive run through the 2002-2003 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible an extraordinary basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Friendship Christian Lady Commanders for their exemplary season, for earning a trip to the Class A TSSAA State Basketball Tournament, and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Jonathan Hemingway and the Friendship Christian School Lady Commanders on their outstanding 2002-2003 season and on earning a Class A TSSAA State Tournament berth. In so doing, the Lady Commanders have proven themselves to be exemplary and capable young women who are worthy of this General Assembly's accolades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.